(c) further steps contemplated by the Government to check such illegal activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Consequent upon personal as well as\ residential searches of S | Shri S. A. Dedanwala and Lachman Bovker conducted by the officers of Enforcement Directorate (FERA), certain incriminating document besides, Thomas Cook Travellers cheques worth U. S. dollar 34,500, two International Credit Cards, US dollar. 199, D.M. 1050 and Travellers cheques of US dollar 120 were seized. In this connection, both the accused were arrested.

(c) Since the seized traveller'; cheques have been found to be forged one, the case has been referred to CBI, Crime Branch, Bombay, However, appropriation action by initiation of adjudication proceedings andlor by launching prosecution and remedial measures, as found necess-»ry, will be taken.

Collaboration for Production of VCRs

657. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be be pleased to state-.

(a) what is the status of VCR technology collaboration for producing VCRs in the country;

(b) whether the British Physical Laboratory and the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Ltd. have already done some work to indigenously produce VCRs;

(c) whether private electronics industry would be permitted to collaborate with foreign firms on equity participation basis to indigenously produce VCRs; and

(d) if so, whether before giving such permission, there would be export obligation for some percentage of the VCRs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: (a) Government is considering to allow manufacture of VCRs by one unit in public sector and another in private sector with foreign collaborations and also to ensure that the existing capacity already created for video deck mechanism manufacture is fully utilised.

(b) M[s. BPL India was given a licence for manufacture of 50,000 nos. of video decks which was subsequently endorsed in the name of BPL Sanyo Private Limited. The new company has started production in May 1987.

ET & T alongwith others has submitted , a project proposal for manufacture of VCRs, in response to Press Note of October 1985 inviting composite applications.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) While it is not proposed to have any export obligation, the parties would be urged to explore possibilities for minimisation] balancing of foreign exchange.

Implementation of 20-Point Programme

658. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress of implemen tation of the 20-Point Programme is being monitored to see that real benefits under the programme actually reach the poor and the downtrodden; and

(b) whether Government are taking a fresh look at the programme to remove any bottlenecks that may have been noticed in its implementaion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATES IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM)- (a) The